User Handbook

Aquarius Condenser Tumble Dryer

Hotpoint

You must read these instructions prior to using the appliance and retain them for future reference.

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Retention of this Instruction Book

This Instruction Book must be kept handy for reference as it contains important details on the safe and proper use of the appliance.

If you sell or pass the appliance to someone else, or move house and leave it behind, make sure this Book is also provided so the new owner can become familiar with the appliance and safety warnings.

If the Book is lost or damaged a copy may be obtained from:
GDA Ltd., Morley Way, Peterborough, PE2 9JB

For your safety

IMPORTANT
Using your Tumble Dryer is easy.

Nevertheless, for your own safety and to get the best results it is important to know your Dryer by reading right through this handbook **before** using your dryer for the first time.

NEVER ● Allow children to play with or otherwise interfere with the dryer.
NEVER ● Allow the air inlet at the front of the dryer or the air outlet at the back to be obstructed.
NEVER ● Switch the machine off leaving a hot load in the drum.
NEVER ● Tumble dry without the Filter, Water Container or Condenser in position.
NEVER ● Exceed the maximum load capacity recommended or place dripping wet items in the drum.
NEVER ● Allow lint to collect around the dryer.
NEVER ● Add liquid fabric conditioner to the dryer, use liquid conditioner in the final rinse of your wash.
NEVER ● Use the dryer for commercial drying, the dryer is only suitable for domestic use.
NEVER ● Dry Acrylics or synthetics on the high heat setting.
NEVER ● Tumble dry articles that have **NOT** been well washed in water and detergent then well rinsed and spun.
NEVER ● Tumble dry articles that have had chemicals used for cleaning.
NEVER ● Dry articles that are contaminated with flammable substances such as: petrol, oil, paint, hair lacquer, creams, cooking fat or oil.
NEVER ● Tumble dry: rubber, foam rubber, plastic, plastic foam, nappy pants or liners, polythene or paper.
Large, very bulky items including duvets and sleeping bags.
NEVER ● Attempt to stand on top of your dryer, it is not designed for such use and you could injure yourself or damage the dryer by such abuse.
NEVER ● Switch electricity On or Off with wet hands.

IMPORTANT

A CHILD COULD CLIMB INTO OR TAMPER WITH AN UNATTENDED TUMBLE DRYER.
WHEN THE MACHINE IS NOT IN USE SWITCH OFF, REMOVE THE PLUG AND CLOSE THE DOOR.

For your safety

ALWAYS ● Empty the Water Container after **EACH** drying cycle.

ALWAYS ● **Finish** every programme with the cool tumble cycle provided on the control.

ALWAYS ● **Clean the filter**, it is essential that the filter is kept clear of fluff after **EACH** drying cycle.

ALWAYS ● Ensure Condenser is free of fluff, regular cleaning is recommended.

ALWAYS ● When the dryer is not in use, switch off, remove plug and close the door.

ALWAYS ● Comply with the specified electrical requirements.

ALWAYS ● Ensure that your dryer is installed correctly and has adequate ventilation. (see, "Where to put your dryer.")

ALWAYS ● Observe the rules for drying garments:
In particular woollen articles should not be dried in a tumble dryer unless they are labelled 'Superwash', 'Machine washable' or have the 'May be tumble dried' symbol:
If in any doubt do not dry wool in the machine. Unlike other materials, the mechanism of wool shrinkage is irreversible, i.e. it will not stretch back to the original size and shape.

ALWAYS ● Buy genuine accessories and spares.

CAUTION:
When the dryer is in use avoid touching the rear of the dryer as it may be hot!

Electrical Requirements

WARNING: This appliance must be earthed!

Supply

REFER TO THE RATING PLATE FOR VOLTAGE AND CURRENT REQUIREMENTS. (see diagram for location.)
The flexible mains lead is supplied fitted with a BS1363 plug and with a 13 amp BS1362 fuse.
The plug should be connected to the mains supply via a suitable switched socket which is accessible after installing your dryer.

Changing the fuse

If it is necessary to fit a replacement fuse, it must be a 13 amp ASTA approved to BS1362 type.

Moulded plug

WARNING: The plug must not be used without a fuse cover.

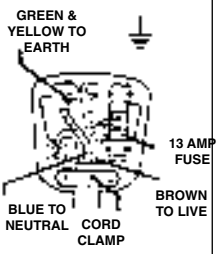
If a replacement fuse holder/cover is required, it must be of the same colour coding or wording as shown on the base of the plug. Replacements are available from your Spares stockist.

Changing the plug

The wires in the mains lead are coloured in accordance with the following:

GREEN/YELLOW	- EARTH
BLUE	- NEUTRAL
BROWN	- LIVE

Rewirable plug



If a replacement plug is to be fitted, the appropriate wire must be connected to the correct terminal,as follows:

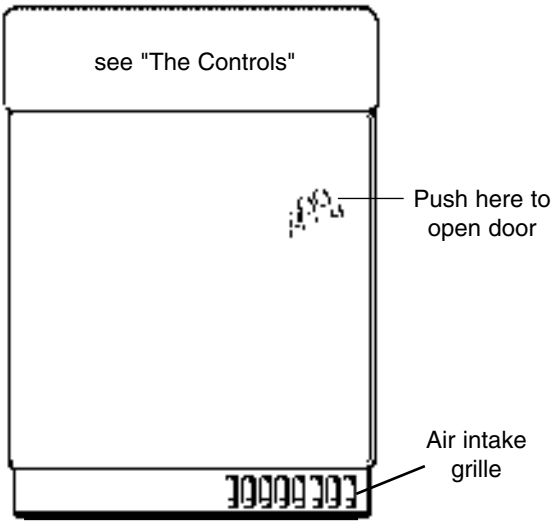
Connect:
Green/Yellow to terminal marked Earth or Green or ⏚
Blue to terminal marked Neutral or N or Black
Brown to terminal marked Live or L or Red.
If the plug being replaced is a non-rewirable type then the cut-off plug must be disposed of safely. **DO NOT** leave where it can be inserted into a socket and create a shock hazard.

Changing the mains cable

Should the mains lead ever require replacing at any time please contact your nearest Service Centre. A charge will be made for the replacement of the mains lead or if you require a longer lead.
The mains lead must only be replaced by a specially prepared cable obtainable from your Spares Stockist and fitted by a qualified electrician.

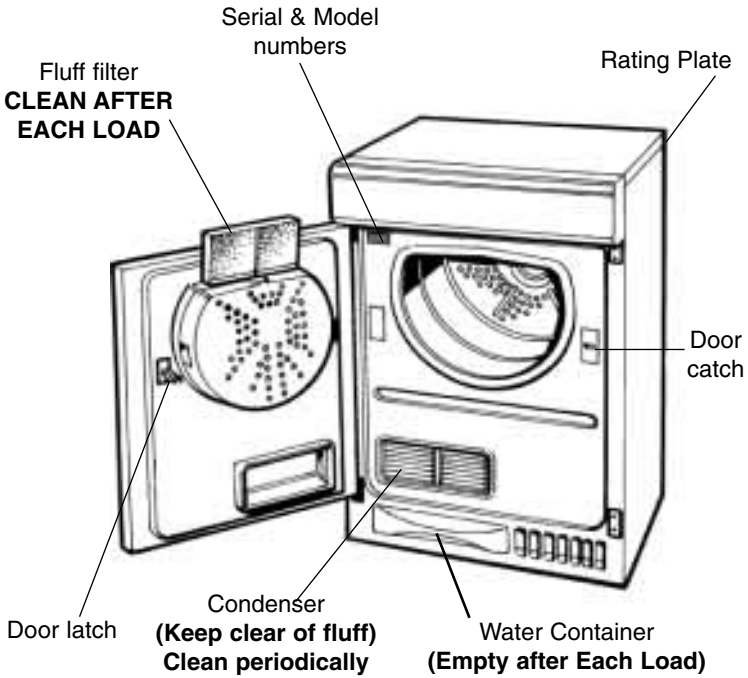
NOTE: IF IN DOUBT ABOUT ANY OF THE ABOVE CONSULT A QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN.

Features - Get to know the main parts of your dryer



Plinth Moulding
(Not fitted to all models)

NOTE: If your dryer is new wipe out the inside of the drum before you first use it to remove any dust which may have accumulated during transit.



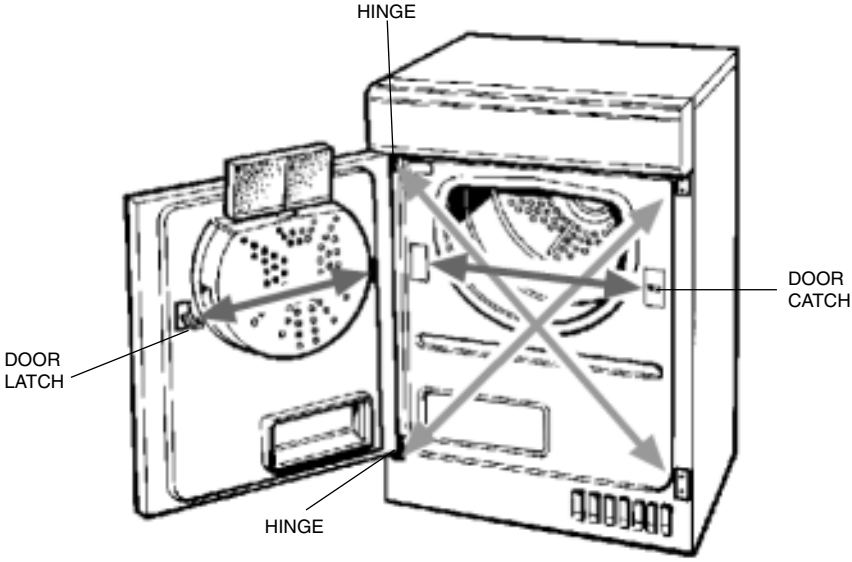
Where to put your dryer

Your Tumble Dryer should **NOT** be located adjacent to a gas hob, cooker, heater or eye level grill as flames from the burners could cause damage to your machine.. When the dryer is fitted under a work surface, allow space for air to exit the rear grille, a 15mm gap each side of the dryer is recommended. This airflow is essential to condense the water produced drying the washing, the dryer will not operate efficiently in an enclosed space or cupboard.
If using your dryer in a small or cold room some condensation could be experienced.
If you are using this dryer adjacent or stacked on top of a washing machine **SEPARATE** mains plugs and sockets must be used for each appliance. **DO NOT** use 2-way adaptors or extension leads.

Stack it on your Washing Machine

Both your tumble dryer and front loading washing machine are similar in design allowing the tumble dryer to be permanently stacked on top saving you valuable floor space. A special stacking kit complete with instructions is available from your retailer or nearest Spares Centre.

IMPORTANT
Only use genuine stacking kits. When ordering you must state the model numbers of both your Washing Machine and your Tumble Dryer. Unsuitable kits may result in a potential hazard and will invalidate your warranty rights.



Door Reversal Instructions

The door of your Dryer is reversible and can easily be changed . Exchange diagonally hinge brackets and blanking plugs. Exchange door latch and catch with their opposite blanking plates. See diagram above.

How to use your dryer

1. Plug in, switch on electricity.

WARNING: WHEN SWITCHING ON OR OFF, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR HANDS ARE DRY

2. Sort your laundry (see section “Sorting Your Laundry”)

3. Open the door by pressing and releasing the front panel in the position shown.

4. Always check the following:

FLUFF FILTER is clean and in place

WATER CONTAINER is empty and in place

CONDENSER is clean and in place

5. Load the dryer placing the clothes carefully in the drum pushing them well towards the back and away from the door seal. Close the door.

6. Select the relevant heat setting (see section “The Controls”)

7. Select the required programme or drying time. (see section “The Controls”)

8. Press the START switch to commence the drying programme.

9. When finished open the door and take out the laundry. Clean and replace the fluff filter, and empty the water container.

10. Switch off electricity and remove plug from socket.

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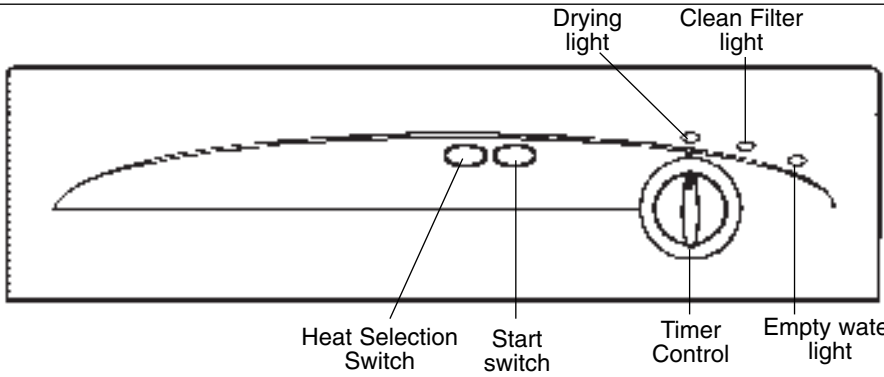
The ‘Cool Tumble’ phase

About 10 minutes before the programme is completed, the heating elements will be switched off and the programme enters the final ‘Cool Tumble’ phase. During this phase the fabric is cooled. You should always allow the dryer to complete this phase.
By opening the door you can check the dryness of the load as often as you wish and if you want to remove some items before they are fully dry. (This is particularly useful for a mixed load where you want to iron some items, but others are to be fully dried.) **You will need to press the start button after closing the door to re-start the programme.** See section ‘The Controls’.

The Controls



Setting the timer

The drying time for both heat settings is controlled by the timer. All you have to do is turn the Timer Control **clockwise** until the required time appears in line with the indicator.
NEVER WIND THE TIMER CONTROL ANTI-CLOCKWISE.
The "Guide to Drying Times" section will tell you how much time you'll need for various loads.

Selecting the required Heat Setting

To select high heat (Cottons), the Heat Selection switch must be **IN**. To select Low heat (Acrylics and Synthetics) the Heat Selection switch must be **OUT**.
See section "Guide to Drying Times".

Starting the Dryer

Press and release the **START** button to commence a drying program (The drying time must have been selected first).

NOTE: If the door is opened during a programme the Dryer will automatically stop.
To continue the programme after closing the door, the START button must be pressed.

Drying light

This light glows during the drying part of the programme except for the short periods during the drum reverse action.

Clean Filter light

When the door is opened this light will glow to remind you to clean the filter.

Empty Water Light

This light will glow when the water container is full.
You should not wait for this light to glow before emptying the water container, but empty it after each load (see section "Emptying the Water Container").
NOTE: When the light glows you must stop the dryer and empty the water container.
If the water light glows during a drying cycle the timer will advance to the Cool Tumble Phase without drying the load.
The light will take approximately 10 seconds to go out after replacing the empty container.

Sorting your laundry

1. Always separate laundry into the correct fabric groups before washing and drying.
2. See that all zips are closed, hooks and eyes are fastened and belt, strings etc. are tied loosely in bows, you will normally have done this for each item before the washing stage.
3. It is important to extract as much water as possible from each item before drying. This saves you time and money.

WARNING: CLOTHES SHOULD NEVER BE LOADED DRIPPING WET

4. Make sure that the items to be dried are suitable for tumble drying, or are not of a type requiring 'special attention' (see"Wash Care Labels" section).

Maximum load size

Your dryer will hold a load of 6kg (13lb) dry weight of natural fabrics. if you are drying items of man-made fibres (synthetic or acrylics), the maximum load should not exceed 3kg (6.6lb) dry weight.
This difference is that man-made fibres require more space to tumble-dry without creasing.

WARNING: DO NOT OVERLOAD AS THIS COULD RESULT IN REDUCED DRYING PERFORMANCE AND A POSSIBLE FIRE HAZARD.

Typical load

To help you estimate how many items it takes to make up a drying load, the charts below show the approximate weights of some every-day washing items.

Clothes			
Blouse	*Cotton*	*150g*	*5oz*
	Other	*100g*	*3½oz*
Dress	*Cotton*	*500g*	*1lb 2oz*
	Other	*350g*	*12oz*
Jeans		*700g*	*1lb 6oz*
10 Nappies		*1000g*	*2lb 3oz*
Shirt	*Cotton*	*300g*	*10½oz*
	Other	*200g*	*7oz*
T-Shirt		*125g*	*4½oz*

Household Items			
Duvet cover (Double)	*Cotton*	*1500g*	*3lb 5oz*
	Other	*1000g*	*2lb 3oz*
Large Tablecloth		*700g*	*1lb 6oz*
Small Tablecloth		*250g*	*9oz*
Tea Towel		*100g*	*3½oz*
Bath Towel		*700g*	*1lb 8oz*
Hand Towel		*350g*	*12oz*
Double Sheet		*500g*	*1lb 2oz*
Single Sheet		*350g*	*12oz*

If you group small cotton or terry-towelling items with a synthetic fabric load they could be damp at the end of the drying cycle. If this happens simply give them an additional short period of drying to finish them off.

Wash Care Labels

Most of today's fabrics can be tumble dried in your Dryer with no trouble at all, but there are certain fabric finishes which should be dried away from direct heat.

The majority of garments now have wash-care labels on them, giving full washing and drying instructions. These should always be followed carefully especially when you are drying something for the first time.

Typical symbols are:

May be tumble dried

Do **not** tumble dry

Or:

Tumble dry at high heat setting

Tumble dry at low heat setting

Items *not* suitable for tumble drying

- Those containing foam rubber or rubber-like materials or plastic film (e.g. pillows, cushions, PVC rainwear), or any other articles which are inflammable or contain inflammable substances (e.g. towels contaminated with hair lacquer
- Fibreglass (e.g. some types of curtains)
- Items which have been dry cleaned
- Woollens. Woollen items need as much care in drying as they do in washing. The movement of the tumble-drying action causes the woollen fibre to shrink and distort.
- Garments with the ITCL Code (see 'Items Requiring Special Attention').

  Do **not** tumble dry.
- Large bulky items e.g. continental quilts, sleeping bags, pillows, cushions, double blankets and large bedspreads. These expand when drying and would prevent airflow through the Dryer.

WARNING: THE DRYER IS INTENDED FOR USE ONLY WHERE WATER SOLUTION IS USED FOR THE CLEANING PROCESS. MISUSE OF A TUMBLE DRYER MAY CREATE A FIRE HAZARD.

Items requiring special attention

Blankets and Bedspreads

The drying requirements of blankets and bedspreads will, of course, vary tremendously according to size and weight. Some, however are simply too big. if you have difficulty getting them into the Dryer, the machine will have difficulty drying them properly. Blankets (and Garments) made from Acrylic fibres (e.g. Acilan, Courtelle, Orion and Dralon) **must be dried** with special care on Low heat setting. Overdrying should be avoided to ensure heat creasing does not occur.

Permanently pleated or creased garments

Your dryer will cope with such clothes very well, but you should always read the manufacturer's drying instructions attached to the garment before you begin.

Starched articles

Starched articles should be dried together in the same load to avoid the distribution of starch to non-starched items. You should use a slightly heavier starch solution than you would when drying the items on the washing line. Make sure that as much of the solution is removed from the load as possible before placing it in the Dryer.
Remove the items from the dryer as soon as they reach ironing dampness. If they are overdried the starch will powder, leaving the fabric limp - which rather defeats the purpose of the exercise!

Fabric conditioner

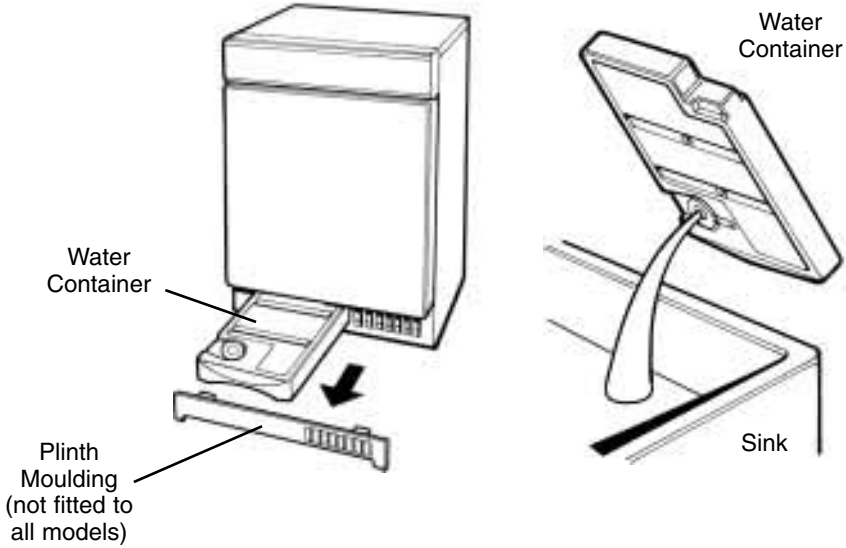
To make sure all your tumble dried clothes come out really fresh and soft we recommend you use a liquid fabric conditioner in the final rinse of your **wash.** A liquid fabric conditioner restores bounce and softness and helps eliminate static cling.

WARNING: ON NO ACCOUNT SHOULD LIQUID FABRIC CONDITIONER BE ADDED TO THE DRYER ITSELF.

Home Dry Cleaning

Garments with the ITCL Code may be cleaned using one of the Home Dry Cleaning Kits available.
The instructions supplied with the Home Dry Cleaning Kit must be strictly followed.

Emptying the Water Container



Empty the water container after EVERY programme. Failure to do this will result in the water container becoming full and the load will not dry.

To Empty Water Container

Remove plinth (where fitted) by slightly lifting and sliding to the left.

Pull the container out of the dryer and empty it into a sink (or other suitable drain).

If your dryer is stacked on top of a Washing Machine, the Tumble Dryer can be plumbed into the drain by attaching a suitable tube to the stub at the rear of the dryer, after removing the blanking cap. When plumbed into a drain the water container does not need to be emptied.

Guide to drying times

Please note that the drying times stated below and on appliance control panel; are a GUIDE only and drying times are affected by:-

The amount of water remaining in the clothes after spinning

Items such as towelling retain a lot of water after spinning, also the suggested wash programme for small items such as T-Shirts may sometimes incorporate a low spin speed which has the same effect.

The type of fabric

Your drying load may contain the same type of fabric but of different thicknesses. Thinner items will take less time to dry. Some fabrics, such as those used for jeans are of closer texture than others and although light when dry will be heavy after washing and spinning.

The quantity of clothes to be dried

Single items of clothes or small loads may take disproportionally longer to dry. It is more energy efficient to dry larger loads.

How dry you want the clothes

As it takes longer to fully dry clothes than to have them ready for ironing, you may wish to remove some clothes when they are slightly damp, ready for ironing and then continue to dry the remainder until they are fully dry.

The heat setting you have selected

The label on the garment should tell you the correct heat setting to select. See 'Wash Care Labels'.

The temperature of the room

If the room in which the dryer is situated is cold, your clothes will take longer to dry than if the room is warm.

Bulky items

Some bulky items such as padded jackets can be dried, with care, and we do advise that you remove these items several times, shake them and return them to the dryer.

THERE ARE HOWEVER SOME ITEMS THAT WE DO NOT ADVISE YOU TO DRY. SEE 'ITEMS NOT SUITABLE FOR TUMBLE DRYING'

Drying Guide - approximate drying time in minutes (weights specified are when dry)

COTTONS						**SYNTHETICS**			**ACRYLICS**	
Drying times 800 - 1000rpm in washing machine						Drying times on reduced spin in washing machine			Drying times on reduced spin in washing machine	
		Half load			**Full load**		**Half load**	**Full load**	**Half load**	**Full load**
1 kg	2 kg	3 kg	4 kg	5 kg	6 kg	1 kg	2 kg	3 kg	1 kg	2 kg
30 - 40	40 - 55	55 - 70	70 - 80	80 - 90	95 - 120	40 - 50	50 - 70	70 - 90	40 - 60	55 - 75

Be careful not to overdry

All fabrics contain a little natural moisture even when 'dry' and this natural moisture should not be lost if the clothes are to remain soft and fluffy.
Clothes that are dried for too long tend to wrinkle and will need more ironing than usual, giving you extra work that the Dryer was designed

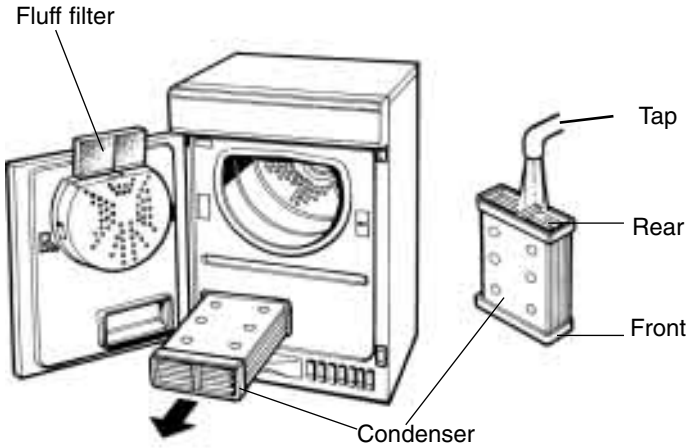
Caring for your Dryer

Your Tumble Dryer needs very little attention. The following simple steps will keep it performing well.

When finished **Switch off electricity and remove plug. Ensure hands are dry.**

After each load Always clean the filter, by rinsing under the tap or using a vacuum cleaner. Turn the dryer by hand to check that small items like handkerchiefs do not get missed. Always empty the water container.

Every Week Wipe the drum and seal with a damp cloth.



Every Month Remove condenser unit and clean any build up of fluff from between the plates by rinsing it under the tap with cold water. This should be done with cold water from the rear of the condenser. Refit with the handle at the front.

Cleaning Every 6 months vacuum the front air intake grille and Vents at the rear of the dryer, to remove the build up of fluff, lint or dust.
To remove accumulation of fluff from the door, front of condenser and filter areas, clean occasionally with a vacuum cleaner.

Do not use Abrasive cleaners, scouring agents, acids, chlorine bleach or metal polish to clean any part of the machine. These could damage the machine.

Lubrication Your tumble dryer uses special bearing components. Lubrication by the user is not necessary and must not be attempted.

We strongly recommend that all appliances are regularly checked for electrical and mechanical safety.

If something goes wrong

First, don't panic! **There may be nothing wrong at all.** Look for your problem below, then check the things we suggest. More often than not, this will give you the answer to your problem, and you'll be able to carry on without having to telephone your Service Office.

If after this you still cannot get your machine to work, follow the advice given on the next page.

Problem	Check these things first
'It won't start'	1. Is the machine plugged in and switched on at the socket? 2. Is the timer control set to required time? 3. Is the door securely closed? 4. Has the start button been pressed hard enough? Try pressing again. 5. Has the fuse blown? (Try plugging in another appliance to check) 6. Have you used an extension lead? Many are not suitable. Try plugging the dryer directly into a socket to check.
'It is taking a long time to dry'	1. Have you forgotten to clean the filter? It should be cleaned after each load. 2. Does the water container need emptying? Is the Empty water light glowing? The bottle should be emptied after every load. 3. Does the condenser need cleaning? It should be cleaned every month. 4. Have you selected the correct Heat setting for the type of fabric you are drying? 5. Have the air intake grille or rear vents of the Dryer been obstructed? 6. Were the clothes 'excessively wet' when they were put in? 7. Was the correct time selected? 8. Have you overloaded the dryer?
Any other problem	Have you re-read this instruction book?

If it still won't work...

Contact the Service Office

if something is still wrong with your machine after you've been through the check-list on the previous page:

1. Switch off and unplug your machine from the mains.

2. Call your nearest Service Office or local importer (outside the UK).

When you contact us we will want to know the following:

1. Your name, address and postcode.
2. Your telephone number.
3. Clear and concise details of the fault.
4. The model number and the serial number of your dryer.
5. The date of purchase enter the date here.

Please make sure you have all these details ready when you call.

Spare parts

Please remember your new appliance is a complex piece of equipment.
'DIY" repairs or unqualified and untrained service people may put you in danger, could damage the appliance, and might mean you lose cover under the Parts Guarantee.
If you do experience a problem with the appliance don't take risks, call in our Service Engineer. Our Spare Parts are designed exclusively to fit your appliance. Do not use them for any other purpose as you may create a safety hazard.

Disposal of your product

To minimise the risk of injury to children please dispose of your product safely. The door and lid should be removed and mains cable cut off flush with the appliance ensuring that the mains plug can no longer be plugged into a mains socket. The items must then be disposed of safely.

This appliance conforms to the following EEC Directives.
Low Voltage Equipment
72/23/EEC
93/68/EEC
Electromagnetic Compatability
89/336/EEC
92/31/EEC
93/68/EEC

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Key Contacts

Service

Hotpoint has the largest appliance manufacturer's service team in Europe, trained specialists directly employed by us to ensure your complete confidence.

Repair Service

UK: 08709 066 066

Republic of Ireland: 1850 302 200

You will be asked for the following information:-

Name, address and postcode.
Telephone number
Model / Serial number of the appliance
Clear and concise details of the query or fault
Place and Date of purchase

(Please keep the receipt as evidence will be required when the engineer calls).

Extended Warranty

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